

STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In re: Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D.)
a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D.)
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Docket No. MPS 45-0304
MPS 48-0304

SECOND STIPULATION AND INTERIM CONSENT ORDER AS TO SUSPENSION OF LICENSURE

NOW COME Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D. (Respondent), and the State of Vermont, by and through Attorney General William H. Sorrell and Assistant Attorney General James S. Arisman, and agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D., a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D., Respondent, holds license No. 042-0008406, first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on September 9, 1991. Jurisdiction in these matters vests with the Vermont board of Medical Practice pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1354, 1355-1357, 1361, 1365-1366, 1398 and 3 V.S.A. § 809-814.

2. Until July 24, 1995, Respondent practiced as a psychiatrist and maintained an office in Stowe. On July 24, 1995, Respondent's Vermont medical license was summarily suspended by the Board, by emergency action, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. On November 7, 1996, the Board indefinitely suspended Respondent's medical license with her consent, based on its investigation of the allegations set out in six complaints, i.e., Docket Nos. MPS 61-0594, MPS 129-1194, MPS 52-0595, MPS 72-0795, MPS 79-0795, and MPS 120-1195.

3. In the year 2000, the Vermont Board approved an agreement permitting Respondent to retrain in the family practice residency at the Tufts University school of

medicine at Malden, Massachusetts. Relatedly, Respondent also entered into a consent order with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine permitting her medical retraining at Tufts. The Massachusetts Board placed Respondent on probation with conditions governing her proposed family practice residency and general practice of medicine.

4. On February 18, 2004, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine suspended Respondent's medical license.¹ The Massachusetts Board suspended Respondent's medical license alleging that Respondent had failed to comply with certain specific requirements of her probation agreement with the Massachusetts Board.

5. The Vermont Board of Medical Practice on or about March 11, 2004 and April 1, 2004 opened new complaints as to possible unprofessional conduct by Respondent. One of the complaints was based on the suspension of Respondent's medical license by the Massachusetts Board.

6. The Vermont Board began investigation of these complaints and of Respondent's compliance with her licensure agreements with the State of Vermont. Cooperating with the Board, Respondent on June 18, 2004 agreed to an interim consent order under which her license to practice medicine in Vermont was temporarily suspended while the Vermont Board's investigation was ongoing. Respondent expressed her wish to cooperate with the Board of Medical Practice during its investigation.

7. On September 3, 2004, the State of Vermont filed a Specification of Charges against Respondent. The State concurrently filed a motion to extend the Board's suspension of Respondent's medical license, citing the seriousness of the charges it had filed.

1. The Massachusetts Board imposed the suspension by vacating its earlier stay of its July 2000 order of

Respondent, through counsel, subsequently requested an extension of the time allowed by the Board for her to reply to the State's charges, citing the need to review and preliminarily investigate the State's allegations. The State took no position regarding Respondent's motion for additional time.

8. The Board of Medical Practice set October 6, 2004 for a hearing on the State's motion to extend the suspension of Respondent's medical license, pending a hearing on the merits of the State's charges. The parties have conferred and agree that the scheduled hearing on the State's motion is unnecessary at this time. The parties agree that extension by the Board of the period of suspension of licensure will permit Respondent to continue her investigation of the pertinent facts. The parties urge that this matter be set for a status conference at a later date and that a schedule and plan for discovery be developed pursuant to the status conference.

9. Respondent makes no admission or reply at this time as to the State's Specification of Charges. However, Respondent does not oppose the State's motion for extension of the period of suspension of her medical license in light of the purposes identified immediately above. Nor does she require a hearing at this time on the State's motion. Further, the parties jointly agree that nothing contained herein shall limit Respondent's right to seek discovery in this matter and at a later date to demand a prompt hearing on the merits of the State's charges, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1354, 1360, 1361 & 1398; 3 V.S.A. § 814(c); and other relevant authorities.

10. The parties agree that this Stipulation and Interim Consent Order shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to

suspension of Respondent's medical license.

other licensing authorities. The parties agree and urge that the Board's Stipulation and Interim Consent Order Order, effective on or about July 7, 2004, entering terms and conditions and suspending Respondent's license to practice medicine in Vermont be extended, pending further proceedings or order of the Board.

11. Respondent reiterates that she agrees and understands that by executing this document she is waiving at this time her right to proceed promptly to a public hearing on the State's charges or to a hearing on the State's pending motion. Respondent, knowingly and voluntarily agrees to the provisions set forth above. She acknowledges that she has had advice of counsel in this matter and is satisfied with such advice and related representation.

12. This Second Stipulation and Interim Consent Order as to Suspension of Licensure is conditioned upon its acceptance by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. If the Board rejects any part of this document, the entire agreement shall be considered void. If approved, Respondent agrees to be bound by the terms herein, until further proceedings or order of the Board of Medical Practice. Respondent agrees that the Board of Medical Practice shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms and conditions of this Second Stipulation and Interim Consent Order until it is modified or she is relieved of its terms.

13. The parties therefore jointly agree that should the terms and conditions of this Second Stipulation and Interim Consent Order be deemed acceptable by the Board of Medical Practice, the Board may extend without hearing or further proceedings the provisions of its Stipulation and Consent Order of July 7, 2004, thereby extending its suspension of Respondent's Vermont medical license, as described herein. In doing so, Respondent reserves all rights of due process that attach in this matter.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th October day of ~~September~~ 2004.

WILLIAM H. SORRELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

by:

James S. Arisman
JAMES S. ARISMAN
Assistant Attorney General

Dated at Stowe, Vermont, this 1 day of ~~September~~ October (ST) 2004.

Stephanie H. Taylor
STEPHANIE H. TAYLOR, M.D.
a/k/a STEPHANIE TAYLOR TASI, M.D.
Respondent

Dated at Stowe, Vermont, this 1st day of ~~September~~ October 2004.

Peter G. Anderson
PETER G. ANDERSON, ESQ.
Counsel for Respondent

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FOREGOING, AS TO MEDICAL LICENSE OF
STEPHANIE H. TAYLOR, M.D., APPROVED AND ORDERED
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

<u>Norman J. Young</u>	<u>David A. ...</u>
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DATED: 10/6/04

ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE: October 6, 2004

M. TAYLOR and INTERIM STIPULATION: 9/04 (NOT FULLY EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD)